

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice in view of the Office's rejection concerning its form.

Claim 1 has been amended to place it in better form for examination in the United States by replacing "characterized in that" with "wherein." Claim 1 has also been amended without prejudice, to replace the "means" language. The amendment finds support in the first full paragraph of page 7 of the specification.

The specification is being amended without prejudice at page 7 to delete the reference to Figure 5.

It is submitted that claim 2 is proper in that the height of the contact surface can be ascertained without a special indication of "Height."

Figure 1 has been amended to delete the second reference #10.

Claims 6, 8, 9, 10 and 14 have been amended in view of the informalities noted by the Office.


Present claim 1 recites a plastic container suitable for aseptic packaging of microbiologically sensitive food products which includes a blow moulded container body and a neck and a snap on closure. The snap on closure includes a peripheral skirt with a ridge intended for engagement with the inner surface of the neck wherein the snap on

closure and the neck comprise a protrusion of the neck and a web which substantially fixes the ridge in the axial direction of the neck when the container is closed. The protrusion lies against an inclined part of the bottom part of the closure which prohibits downward movement of the ridge, and the web lies against the upper ridge of the neck, resulting in a fixation of the ridge in an upward direction.

The Office points to no teaching by Kohl or Goodall of a neck protrusion lying against an inclined part of a bottom part of the closure which prohibits downward movement of the ridge of the peripheral skirt of the closure. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Section 103 rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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